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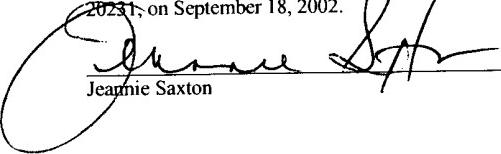
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In re Patent Application of:)
Kazuichiro ITONAGA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2823
Serial No. 09/662,004) Examiner: William M. Brewster
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FILM AND METHOD OF)
FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, Applicants provide the following species election.

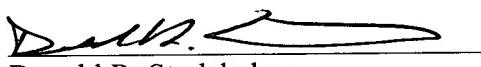
Applicant hereby elects Species I as illustrated at least in Figures 1-10. Claims 1-20 are readable thereon.

It should be noted that Applicant believes that Figs. 11-13 should also be included in Species I. For instance, Fig. 11 is a sectional view showing the bias plasma oxidation and the silicidation of the structure of the gate electrodes (18a, 18b) taken alone on a section

perpendicular to the section shown in Fig. 6(a). In particular, Fig. 11 shows a sectional view in which the gate electrodes shown in Figs. 5-7 are taken from a different direction (See, page 42 of the specification). Figs. 12 and 13 are diagrams which explain the effectiveness of the bias plasma oxidation shown in Fig. 6(a). Therefore, Figs. 11-13 should be considered together with Figs. 1-10 as Species I.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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